

from restraint. The class of vessels in which this mostly occurs are those engaged in the South American and coffee trade, the

ports, needs all of our fostering care to retain its centre of activity. During the period when

transmission of yellow fever is to be feared, and when the epidemic broke out in Lower East. Of this number 153 arrived from ports known to be infected, 44 from such ports as were not known to be infected, and 55 from vessels on arrival here. One hundred and forty cases of yellow fever occurred upon them when in an infected port, 10 of which were fatal; four hundred and seven of whom were attacked when in a port not known to be infected, twelve died; twenty-five in quarantine, and thirteen died. An embarrasment under circumstances such as these, is naturally most exciting to the desire of the difficulty of obtaining information from the southern ports of our own country during the early periods of a yellow fever epidemic. This is the case, and it has been so year after year of pestilence, and still more so this year, in the first stages of the Fernandina outbreak. There is disposition on the part of the authorities to be very cautious in the disclosure of the knowledge of yellow fever until the disease assumes an epidemic character, fearing it may unfavorably affect commerce. For this reason, the want of such information, or the publication by the local boards of Health of such sickness, do not feel warranted in contravening or contradicting the statements of the authorities.

It is well for the people to understand that yellow fever rarely becomes epidemic by the appearance of sporadic cases, but that it commonly commences in a small group, also conspires to effect the result. The disease

starts from the water's edge and has the foulness of bilges or stagnant water of locks, as an initial point. * * * Experience has shown that the germs of yellow fever, unlike those of scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc., are peculiarly susceptible to the action of decided disinfection and local cleanliness.

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